

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### RCS Superintendent Search Down To 2

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education has selected Dr. Sheryl B. Thomas and Carl Weiss as finalists in their search for a successor to current superintendent Joel R. Carr, who will retire later this year.

Dr. Thomas is the Executive Director of Leadership & Accountability for Detroit Public Schools. Weiss is Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and Curriculum for Dearborn Heights School District 7.

The Romulus Board of Education will conduct site visitations to both the Detroit and Dearborn Heights districts on Thursday, April 27. All seven Romulus board members will take part in the visitations, as will representatives of the district's five unions, a member of the Central Office staff, and a parent.

Prior to departing for the visitations, Board members will come together at 8 a.m. to call an official meeting to order.

A decision is expected in early May.

### Candidate Q&A

Be sure to watch for the April 21, 2006 issue of *The Romulus News*, which will contain questionnaire responses from candidates running for office in the annual Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election, set for May 2.

### Comedy Show To Benefit Helping Hand

An adults-only show presented by local improv/sketch comedy group "Project 2" will benefit the Helping Hand of Romulus.

The show – which will feature Romulus firefighter John Thiede – will be held at the Doubletree Hotel (31500 Wick Road, Romulus) on Saturday, April 22. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.; show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets – \$10 per person (cash bar) – will be available at the door.

For further information, call 734-740-1194 or 734-721-2107. □

## Coffey Sworn In As Deputy Chief Of Police

A recently retired police officer is back to protect and serve the citizens of Romulus in a new capacity.

Michael Coffey, who retired in February after 23 years with the Romulus Police Department, was sworn in as the City's new Deputy Chief of Police on April 3.

According to Public Safety Director Charles Kirby, Coffey's career included experience with a number of special law-enforcement units, including the Michigan State Police auto-theft task force, the Drug Enforcement Administration task force, and the Downriver SWAT team, as well as RPD's Special Investigations Unit. He was also part of the field-training program for new officers and an instructor in defensive tactics.

Coffey, who retired with the rank of corporal, will undertake duties that predominantly consist of daily operations management. By assuming his new position, a political appointment, he fills a vacancy that has existed since Jerry Champagne retired more than a year ago. □



Mayor Alan Lambert (left) and Public Safety Director Charles Kirby (right) were among those on hand to congratulate Michael Coffey after he was sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Romulus.

## Wick's Wood Is Elementary Teacher Of The Year

Marilyn Wood, a kindergarten teacher at Wick Elementary School, has been named Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), and will be recognized for her many accomplishments at the annual RESA Awards Night in May.

According to Dr. Marlene Davis, RESA superintendent, Wood is only the second Romulus teacher to receive this prestigious award. Barth's Gerilyn Kline was RESA's honoree for 2005.

Romulus superintendent Joel R. Carr was impressed with Wood's award.

"There are many outstanding elementary teachers in Wayne County's 33 school districts [other than Detroit], so it is truly an honor to be selected as the Teacher of the Year," he stated.

Wick principal Debbie Juriga was ecstatic when she heard the news.

"Marilyn is very deserving of this," said Juriga. "She has consistently provided strong instructional leadership to her students, Wick teachers, and district colleagues."

"Her extra work after school, in the evenings, and during the summer has helped her students and Wick Elementary students achieve an 'A' grade on

the Michigan Education YES! program, and make adequate yearly progress on the Federal 'No Child Left Behind' program," she added.

Juriga was equally complimentary about Wood's classroom work.

"Marilyn consistently uses creative

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Marilyn Wood (back), recently named 2006 Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), enjoys her work and is proud of students such as (from left) Melanie Coak, Raynal Duesette, Noah Crumpler, Justin Turner, Sophia Wyzykowski, and Camron Marion.



## Wood Is Elementary Teacher of the Year

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techniques that deliver a rich curriculum to each and every child," she explained. "She accomplishes this through a variety of high-interest strategies and settings that include direct instruction as well as small-group and individual instruction sessions.

"Marilyn has developed 15 exciting learning centers where students enrich their knowledge of reading, writing, and mathematics," Juriga continued. "She also weaves science and social studies through her math and language-arts lessons, and provides students with real-world instructional situations."

Juriga further noted, "Marilyn introduces students to 'Learning to Give' programs such as rebuilding the barn at Maybury State Park and raising money for the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. She also includes multicultural programs such as the Wick Multicultural Fair, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Black History Month in her instructional plans."

According to Juriga, Wood is held in high esteem by her students' parents, who turn out in amazing numbers for her special activities.

"Marilyn often calls parents in the evening and invites grandparents to her classes," she said. "Her extra lesson planning has resulted in 75% to 100% of her students attaining district kindergarten goals.

"Many of her past students and parents visit her and thank her for the solid educational foundation she provided for them," added Juriga. "One of her parents wrote, 'I can't say enough to my friends and acquaintances about how wonderful you have been to our family. I believe that you are the very best teacher in the state.'"

Wood also shares her knowledge with other teachers, and has presented workshops at the district, county, and state levels. She is well known for her knowledge of early childhood education and the structure that kindergartners need in order to be successful. A previous winner of the Romulus school

district's Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence, she provides weekly planners for students, and also encourages parents, grandparents, and upper-grade buddies to act as mentors.

Among the many achievements for which Wood was lauded were:

- development of the preschool information packet, "Right from the Start," for new kindergartners.
- selection as an elementary representative to the Wayne County Reading Council.
- active membership in the Wick Elementary School Improvement Team.
- active membership in the district's Preschool, Report Card, Math, and Language Arts committees.
- service as a teacher representative to the PTO.
- implementation of "Learning to Give" philanthropy projects.
- mentorship of several staff members.
- service in a number of positions for the Romulus Education Association, including treasurer, building representative, and Board of Directors member.
- development of a district kindergarten report card.
- service as a district trainer regarding MIMOSA math materials.
- volunteer work for special evening events at the school.
- organization and presentation of many parent workshops.
- presentations at MACUL, Wayne County Early Childhood Conference, and district professional-development programs.
- summer curriculum and assessment work.

Tom Dolan, the district's Curriculum Department director, praised Wood for her "dedication to her students, parents, and colleagues, as well as the education profession." He added, "The entire Romulus educational community congratulates Marilyn Wood on this memorable achievement, and for the positive recognition that it brings to Marilyn, Romulus Community Schools, and the City of Romulus." □

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# The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, March 20, through Wednesday, March 29. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

## Monday, March 20

- 5:35 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 32000 Bruce)
- 7:13 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30200 Ecorse)
- 7:23 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 35600 Wick)
- 9:02 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6340 Beverly Plaza)
- 11:07 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 6060 Colorado)
- 2:11 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8710 Wickham)
- 4:09 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 15800 Elm Ct.)
- 5:32 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:34 p.m. – Larceny (block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)
- 8:07 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 5880 Chamberlain)

## Tuesday, March 21

- 11:24 a.m. – Threats (block of 9800 Inkster)
- 1:19 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28600 Zellmer)
- 2:01 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 6000 Carnegie)
- 3:15 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 5880 Turbo)
- 4:41 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7070 El Paso)
- 5:28 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 15200 Meadow)
- 5:28 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15900 Meadow)
- 5:46 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 9:28 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30400 Leroy)
- 11:38 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7570 Merriman)

## Wednesday, March 22

- 2:24 a.m. – UDAA (block of 30100 Cypress)
- 2:40 a.m. – OUIL (block of 8910 Merriman)
- 8:28 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30300 Ecorse)

- 1:16 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 2:18 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7160 Merriman)
- 4:28 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28400 Highland)
- 5:05 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6290 Edmund)
- 7:25 p.m. – A&B (block of 9790 Lisa)
- 8:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 8210 Cogswell)

## Thursday, March 23

- 12:34 a.m. – Threats (block of 15900 Orchard)
- 12:35 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 7:47 a.m. – B&E (block of 6000 Middlebelt)
- 8:02 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:04 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15300 Merriman)
- 2:33 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 5930 E. Maple)
- 4:25 p.m. – A&B (block of 8520 Whitehorn)
- 5:18 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5800 Inkster)
- 6:01 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 7:20 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 6170 Cordell)
- 7:32 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 10:03 p.m. – UDAA (block of 28800 Highland)
- 11:54 p.m. – Larceny (Middlebelt)

## Friday, March 24

- 12:58 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8450 Middlebelt)
- 1:34 a.m. – OUIL (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 1:41 a.m. – OUIL (block of 35400 W. I-94)
- 5:52 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8410 Wahrman)
- 8:02 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 11200 Harrison)
- 8:06 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 11:01 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 37300 Wick)
- 11:08 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16700 Glasgow Ct.)
- 11:18 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Hyde Park)
- 12:10 p.m. – Larceny (block of 34200 Beverly)
- 2:43 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6330 Kenwood)
- 3:36 p.m. – Fight (block of 9520 Biddle)

- 4:38 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Woodmont)
- 4:39 a.m. – CSC (block of 31800 Wick)
- 5:14 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30200 Pennsylvania)
- 6:41 p.m. – UDAA (block of 31700 Beverly)
- 6:50 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 8:30 p.m. – Threats (block of 39100 Chase)
- 10:00 p.m. – B&E (block of 38900 Wabash)
- 11:08 p.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Wayne)

## Saturday, March 25

- 3:38 a.m. – Fight (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 11:22 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 11:32 a.m. – Failure To Return Personal Vehicle (block of 29100 Wick)
- 3:45 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6550 Ball)
- 6:08 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34400 Beverly)
- 6:47 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 37000 Goddard)

## Sunday, March 26

- 12:32 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 7:50 a.m. – UDAA (block of 10000 Diane)
- 10:06 a.m. – UDAA (block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 11:35 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 11:46 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 39300 Chase)
- 12:48 p.m. – B&E (block of 6340 Beverly Plaza)
- 1:44 p.m. – A&B (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:28 p.m. – JC/R (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 2:38 p.m. – B&E (block of 6440 Merriman)
- 3:23 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 7070 Canyon)
- 3:47 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 8560 Wahrman)
- 4:40 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6350 Fourth)
- 6:03 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 13600 Huron River Dr.)
- 6:32 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 10000 Romaine)
- 6:51 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 9:22 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5910 Panam)

- 10:19 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 16400 Ironstone)
- 11:05 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 6220 Middlebelt)

## Monday, March 27

- 9:52 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 12:38 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 2:00 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 2:37 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11300 Hunt)
- 3:33 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 33300 Swan Lake Ct.)
- 3:47 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 14500 Harrison)
- 4:38 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 7770 Merriman)
- 4:54 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 5:14 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15800 Orchard)
- 6:04 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5920 Metro)
- 9:15 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35800 Beverly)

## Tuesday, March 28

- 4:13 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 6120 Cordell)
- 8:29 a.m. – B&E (block of 39000 Rodeo)
- 9:43 a.m. – Larceny (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 10:50 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 10:53 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 12:19 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 1:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 8260 Merriman)
- 1:24 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 2:04 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 2:43 p.m. – Fight (block of 6800 Niagara)
- 3:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6340 Middlebelt)
- 3:36 p.m. – JC/R (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:05 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6760 Middlebelt)
- 4:57 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 4:57 p.m. – B&E (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 5:11 p.m. – A&B (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 6:15 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15000 Colbert)

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## Former President's Chef Shares Tips



Ernest Prokos (second from right), owner and chef of the Bayou Grill on Main Street in Belleville, demonstrated his skills for Romulus High School Culinary Arts teacher Charles Usztics (right) and his students, including (from left) Tom Kuderik, Nedra Harris, and Cassie Gaskins. Prokos, a former White House chef for President Ronald Reagan, was helping students prepare for the annual "SkillsUSA" food competition.

## The Police Blotter

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- 7:30 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 29200 Joan)
- 10:27 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6930 Laramie)
- 11:05 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 11:44 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 15000 Mesa Way)

### Wednesday, March 29

- 12:15 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 10:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:36 a.m. – JC/R (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 12:15 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6300 Carnegie)
- 12:26 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 35600 Smith)
- 2:57 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 3:20 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6190 Heyer)
- 5:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15300 Colbert)

- 6:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 5950 Frederic)
- 9:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 10:39 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11000 Delano) □

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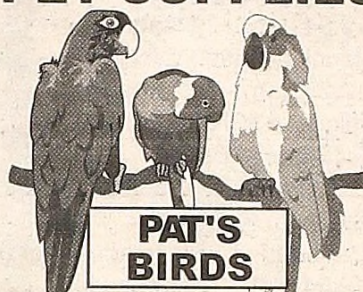
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# Community High Lions Are State Alternative School Champs

Congratulations to the Romulus Community High School Lions basketball team, which recently won the 2006 Michigan Alternative Athletic Association Class "A" championship by defeating Detroit Trombly, 75-72, in an exciting overtime final.

The 12-2 Lions, coached by Charles TenBroeck, had defeated Mt. Pleasant Oasis (73-25) and Flint Choice (57-35) to reach the final. Trombly had scored an earlier, hard-fought victory (52-45) over Highland Park in its semifinal game.

The semifinal and final games for all four classes were played back-to-back at Romulus High School.

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, described the final moments of the game that brought RCHS its second MAAA basketball championship.

"The Lions were trailing 71-68, with only seven seconds left in regulation, when Maurice White hit a three-pointer from the left corner to tie the game," said Kruse. "Then, in overtime, Anthony Nash made his first free throw with 2.3 seconds left, got the rebound, and scored again to clinch the championship for the Lions."

Nash led the Lions with 22 points, Ray Everett added 17, and 6'7" center Zach Rice garnered 14 rebounds. Trombly's leaders included Anthony Howell, who scored 22 points and brought his team back from a 14-point deficit in the second half with four straight three-pointers.

Both coach TenBroeck and principal Al Wilkerson were overjoyed with winning the exciting championship game.

"Now, I'm ahead of Al with two state championships," TenBroeck joked.

Wilkerson commented, "It was great to see so many students from our 90-



Proudly showing off their MAAA Class "A" championship trophy were the Romulus Community High School Lions basketball team: (from left) front – Robbie Glenn, Davun Baskerville, Noal White, Maurice White, George Gillespie, Ray Everett, and Charles TenBroeck (coach); back – Emmet Jackson, Anthony Nash, Zach Rice, and Anthony Mays.

team MAAA league get the opportunity to play competitive basketball, and we were again proud to host the state finals at RHS."

Additional semifinal and final results included:

## Class "B"

- Semifinals: Southfield 53, Kalamazoo Barclay Hills 32; Flint Beecher 62, Grand Rapids Godwin 48.
- Final: Beecher 50, Southfield 41.

## Class "C"

- Semifinals: Walled Lake 61, Meridian 57; Phoenix 62, Bay City 31.
- Final: Phoenix 66, Meridian 34.

## Class "D"

- Semifinals: Jackson 39, Midland 20; Alma 42, Saline 38 (overtime).
- Final: Jackson 46, Alma 15. □



Coach TenBroeck (right) celebrated the Romulus Community High School's second MAAA Class "A" basketball championship with RCHS principal Al Wilkerson, who led Romulus High School's Eagles basketball team to a state championship in 1986.

## Prom, Graduation Dates Announced

Douglas Hoffman, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update graduating seniors and their parents.

- **Senior All-night Party**  
(Friday, May 12, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house);
- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Thursday, June 1, during 4th, 5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend from 10:59 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.)
- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Friday, June 2, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:31 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.)
- **Prom Toast**  
(Wednesday, June 7, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium);
- **Senior Prom**  
(Wednesday, June 7, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; Dearborn Inn);

- **Senior Brunch (seniors only)**  
(Friday, June 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Doubletree Hotel);
- **Commencement**  
(Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house).

Hoffman asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be *by ticket only*. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate, and the ceremony will be videotaped. Both photos and tapes will be available for purchase.

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## "Learning to Give" Is Important Lesson at Wick Elementary



Wick Elementary second-grader Shayla Johnson proudly showed off the goods she collected for a local food pantry as part of her "Learning to Give" project.

Students in Kathy Hurst's second-grade class at Wick Elementary recently expanded their educational horizons with some real-world lessons on the importance of giving. After trips to the library and online research helped students identify ways to assist people in need, they put their newly acquired information to work in a variety of ways, visiting a local nursing home, hosting a food drive for a local pantry, or gathering items for a homeless shelter. Other students tutored younger children or got involved in recycling.

Teacher Hurst expressed pride in her students' work.

"I'm amazed at how my students have extended themselves, not just by doing their 'Learning to Give' projects, but also by putting a tremendous amount of work into developing their research papers, written proposals, and Power-Point presentations," she said.

Principal Debbie Juriga praised Hurst for her diligence, noting, "Kathy was the district's Service Learning coordinator for several years, and she continues to share her passion with students."



Wick second-grade teacher Kathy Hurst (back, middle) watched as one of her students, Lauren Hall (left), prepared to read to nursing-home patient Tina Randall (front). Also pictured is Lauren's mother, Roxy Hall, who helped with details on this project.

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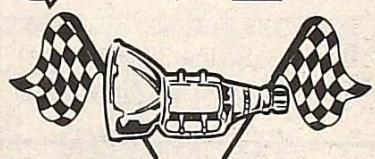
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# Romulus Middle School Students Excel at Science Olympiad

Sharon Grandell, Science Department chairman at Romulus Middle School, was pleased that her students won a total of 14 medals at the recent 23rd Annual Regional Science Olympiad competition, held at the University of Michigan–Dearborn campus. RMS students competed in 14 different events and earned medals in 5 of them.

Grandell thanked parent volunteers Diane Poet, Tammy Garrison, and Aaron Dismuke, Sr., for assisting with competition-day details, as well as Dwayne Dixon, who helped tutor students for the "Mystery Architecture" event.

She also commended science teachers Joel Hockin and Michael Madsen for their assistance in coaching the "Bridge Building," "Bottle Rocket," and "Solar System" events.

Medal winners included:

- Meteorology: Danielle Bland and Justin Jadzinski;
- Road Scholar (map reading): Ciara Turner and Krystal Wegrzyn;
- Rocks and Minerals: Danielle Bland and Victoria Mangham;
- Bottle Rocket: Louis Hill and Victoria Mangham;



The Romulus Middle School Science Olympiad Team, which won 14 medals at the recent regional competition, included: (from left) front – Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Crystal Poet, Hailie Laginess, Aaron Bailey, and Louis Hill; back – Victoria Mangham, Krystal Wegrzyn, Tara Radford, Jazmyn Jones, Justin Jadzinski, Ciara Turner, Olivia Madison, and Jeremy Council.

- Pentathlon: Aaron Dismuke, Louis Hill, Victoria Mangham, and Tara Radford; and

- Solar System: Jeremy Council and Tamara Garrison. Additional team members who com-

peted included Aaron Bailey, Tierra Garrison, Jazmyn Jones, Hailie Laginess, Olivia Madison, and Crystal Poet. □

## RHS–GM Powertrain Robotics Team Finishes 22nd at Meet

The Romulus High School–General Motors Powertrain Robotics Team finished in 22nd place in its initial FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics competition, held at Eastern Michigan University. The team was one of 68 from throughout the Midwest that took part in the event.

Following additional regional competitions held at Grand Valley State, the national finals will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, from April 27–29. Last year, the RHS–GM Powertrain team finished 22nd out of over 400 teams that competed at nationals.

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, described some of the challenges that the teams will face.

"The competitions are set up as spectator sporting events, and feature three teams competing against three different teams in a series of matches. Draws decide pairings for the two-minute sessions, and team points are then totaled to determine individual standings for the finals.

"This year," he added, "the robots will have to pick up as many beach balls as possible and shoot them into goals 8.5-feet high. Students maneuver the robots by remote control, and have mounted cameras that help locate the goal. Students also use the camera information to calculate ball trajectories and make shots from up to 30 feet away. Each robot additionally has a rotating

turret, similar to a military tank, that allows it to hit the goal on the run."

Kruse said that the FIRST program's most important goal is to stress the importance of teamwork, responsibility, mentoring, brainstorming, organizational skills, and advance planning as students and engineers work cooperatively for

more than 150 hours during the competitive season.

"They have to initially work out a plan of attack that they think will be successful in the game, and then design and build a robot that can implement that plan," he explained.

For the seventh consecutive year,

GM Powertrain has worked with the RHS Robotics Team, contributing over \$100,000 in materials and engineering time in 2006 alone. The plant, located on Ecorse between Wayne and Hannan, is the company's largest engine plant, employing about 2,000 people to produce V6 and V8 engines for GM trucks. □



Members of the 2006 Romulus High School–General Motors Powertrain Robotics Team include: (from left) front – Vaughn Liendo, Candace Poet, Eric Poet, Gary Wagaman, and Greg Cooper; back – Gary Thomas (GM engineer), Andy Stewart (RHS advisor), Jon Rafalski, Stephen Conner, Adam Hammond, Elvis Celske, and Kevin Gay (GM engineer).



## Parent-Teacher Conference Reports



Among the many families who received outstanding Parent-Teacher Conference reports at Romulus Middle School were (from left) mother Jean Madox and her daughter, Carly Gibson, and daughter Angela Crossley and her mother, Okeyla Welch.

## Merriman Welcomes New Families



Merriman Elementary staff members welcomed new students and their parents to a special dinner that was followed by a review of school rules and procedures. Among those who attended were: (from left) front—Aliah Smith, Alexis Smith, Gabrielle Walton, and Maya Knight; back—Dee Raub (learning specialist), David Smith, Atrolyn Smith, Audra Walton, Barbara Knight (CSR facilitator), and Renee Kish (social worker).

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Deadline for applications: Monday, May 1, at 5:00 p.m.

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 13, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 13, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**3/06/1** Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**3/06/2** Moved by Roscoe, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for Board approval.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Kathleen Urbanowicz, Resource Room Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective March 3, 2006.

**3/06/3** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Roscoe, that the Board of Education accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT – FYI:** Tina Stuart, Part-time Secretarial II–Receptionist, Board Office, Effective February 28, 2006; and Vicki Webb, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary School, Effective February 21, 2006.

**TERMINATION – FYI:** Linda Gilliland, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective March 2, 2006.

##### Bills for Payment

**3/06/4** Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Field Trip – Cedar Point – Middle School

**3/06/5** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to approve the field trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 20, 2006, for Romulus Middle School band and leadership students, at no cost to the district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Special Meeting – March 15, 2006

**3/06/6** Moved by Roscoe, supported by Lenossi, that the Board schedule a Special Meeting for March 15, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing applications for Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Molly McGlynn and Mr. Pete Lopez addressed the Board of Education concerning a benefit for the Ed Horn Family on April 4, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at Romulus High School.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: 1) MASB Awards: Mr. Thomas Kuderik, Award of Merit and Certified Board Member; Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Award of Distinction; and Mrs. Celeste Roscoe, Award of Merit and Certified Board Member; 2) Office of Civil Rights Compliance Plan; 3) WCASB–School Safety Legislation Meeting; 4) Thank You–Kevin Wine; 5) Meet 'n' Eat 'Thank You'–Wick Staff–Debbie Juriga; 6) 'Voucher Victory' News Article; 7) Cory Elementary Newsletter; 8) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 9) Thank You–Kathy Hurst–Social Issues Project; 10) Thank You–Marjie McAnally and ShaVonna Johnson Presentation–CSR; 11) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 12) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; 13) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 14) Romulus Youth Technique Sports Camp; 15) Thank You–Sandi Dotson, ShaVonna Johnson, Danielle Funderburg, Kathy Hurst–Family Movie Night; and 16) Food Service Equipment Quote.

##### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi congratulated Dawn Pluff, Cory Elementary teacher, for being named Teacher of the Week, and Marilyn Wood, Wick Elementary teacher, for being named Elementary Teacher of the Year by RESA.

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley congratulated the Middle School for having 179 honor students recognized at the recent school assembly. She further asked about repairs of ceiling tile in the concession stand at the High School.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik asked if water could be turned on at the athletic field for spring sports.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz informed the Board of Education of the RESA meeting concerning new fingerprinting laws on March 16, 2006, at 7 p.m. He also informed Board members about the recognition dinner for Board members receiving awards of distinction on April 13. Mr. Mientkiewicz further informed the Board about proposed legislation wherein districts cannot close schools without a district committee being formed. He additionally provided Board members with a copy of a *Detroit News* article about Grosse Pointe looking at foundations for funding schools.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

**3/06/7** Moved by White, supported by Roscoe, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 15, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Mr. Carl Hartman, Michigan Association of School Boards, was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### MASB REPRESENTATIVE – MR. CARL HARTMAN:

The Board of Education and Mr. Carl Hartman, Michigan Association of School Boards, reviewed 24 applications submitted for Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools. After review, a selection of nine candidates was made. One-half-hour interviews for the nine candidates will be scheduled for the week of March 20.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/06/8 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

## "DIVAS" Dazzle Head Start Students



**DIVAS (from left) Tezanne Barber, Gale Rucker, Ruby Houston, Ruby Seifuddin, and Valerie Yates donated 160 children's books to Head Start.**

A group of metropolitan-area women who call themselves DIVAS (Devastating, Intelligent, Vibrant, Assertive Soul-Sisters) recently visited the Romulus Head Start program to donate 160 children's books. During the presentation, DIVAS president and founder Tezanne Barber talked of how the group initially got started on its mission to help young children learn to read.

"We thought that the best way to do this would be to organize fund-raising and book-donation programs so that we could accumulate as many books as possible, and then donate them to the children," she explained.

Additional DIVAS members include Gale Rucker (events coordinator), Valerie Yates (resource coordinator), Ruby

Seifuddin (creative ideas coordinator), and Ruby Houston (secretary).

Carolyn O'Bannon, Romulus Head Start leader, was gratified to see the DIVAS and thanked them for their generous book contributions.

"We really appreciate the book donations," she said. "We try very hard to get the children to read and understand as much of the material in the books as possible during their time in our Head Start program."

Dick Kruse, Romulus Community Schools spokesperson, noted, "It was great to meet these ladies and see their enthusiasm for their mission."

He encouraged anyone interested in working with the DIVAS to call them (734-674-5551) for more information. □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 21, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Mr. Pete Silveri, Michigan Association of School Boards, was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### INTERVIEW – CANDIDATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:

The Board of Education conducted an interview with applicant Nancy A. Nagle for Superintendent of Schools.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/06/9 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 22, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Mr. Pete Silveri, Michigan Association of School Boards, was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### INTERVIEW – CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:

The Board of Education conducted interviews with applicants Carl Weiss, Sheryl B. Thomas, Donald B. Weatherspoon, Michael Teasdale, and Deborah T. Clarke for Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools.

3/06/10 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to amend Agenda Item IV (a) to add Executive Session and convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

3/06/11 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education reconvene into Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 8:29 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/06/12 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 23, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Thursday, March 23, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Mr. Pete Silveri and Mr. Carl Hartman, Michigan Association of School Boards, were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### INTERVIEW – CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:

The Board of Education conducted interviews with applicants William H. Harrison, Sharon Jenkins Norman, and Jerri Lynn Williams for Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools.

President Frayer opened up discussion for suggestions, questions, and/or concerns from the audience.

Mrs. Barden appeared before the Board of Education and suggested that the Board consider Sheryl B. Thomas, Deborah T. Clarke, Donald B. Weatherspoon, and Sharon Jenkins Norman for second interviews.

Mr. Eugene Robinson appeared before the Board of Education and suggested that the Board consider Sheryl B. Thomas and Sharon Jenkins Norman for second interviews.

The Board of Education cast their votes.

3/06/13 Moved by Buckley, supported by Roscoe, to invite back Carl Weiss, Sheryl B. Thomas, Deborah T. Clarke, and Sharon Jenkins Norman for second interviews. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Mientkiewicz, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interviews to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/06/14 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



## Community Calendar

- **A Holiday Helping Hand** – The Helping Hand, a local agency that aids our less fortunate neighbors in times of need, has pledged to make at least 50 Easter baskets for Romulus children whose parents cannot afford such a gift. Donations of baskets, grass, candy, and/or small toys will help them reach their goal. Also appreciated would be donations of small hams and foods appropriate for a holiday dinner, as well as cash. Helping Hand – located on Huron River Drive west of Five Points – is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5323.
- **Easter Crafts** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, just south of Goddard) is inviting preschool, kindergarten, and elementary students to take part in its Easter Crafts and Egg-decorating class, to be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. Although there is no charge for the class, preregistration is required. Since space is limited, sign-ups will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Fish Fry** – ISOM Memorial CME Church (23612 Sumpter Road, Belleville) will hold its annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 14, beginning at noon. Dinners (\$8) include fish, spaghetti, coleslaw, beverage, and dessert. Sandwiches (\$5) will also be available. Call 734-461-2200 for more information.
- **Easter-egg Hunt** – The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter-egg Hunt will be held – rain or shine – in the park behind the new Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Saturday, April 15. Egg hunts will be divided into four age groups: three and under, four to five years, six to seven years, and eight to ten years. Some eggs will contain special prizes. Participants must bring their own basket or bag to store the eggs they collect. The event will begin promptly at noon. Be sure to allow enough time for parking, which will be permitted in the Senior Center parking lot and along Olive Street. Upon arrival, report directly to the patio area behind the Senior Center. This event is free to Romulus residents and their families. No preregistration is required. For further information, call 734-941-8665.
- **Easter-egg Painting** – Ages 5–13 are invited to take part in the Recreation Department's Easter-egg Painting class, which will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at a site to be announced later. (Call 734-941-8665 to verify). Cost for the class is \$5 per person. No preregistration is necessary; supplies will be distributed on a first-come/first-served basis.
- **Oakley To Speak at Chamber Luncheon** – Judge Brian A. Oakley, 34th District Court, will be the guest speaker at the next Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce business luncheon, to be held at noon on Tuesday, April 18, at the Crowne Plaza (8000 Merriman). Tickets (\$13 for members; \$15 for nonmembers) must be purchased in advance. For more information, call the Chamber office (734-326-4290) or visit [www.romuluschamber.org](http://www.romuluschamber.org).
- **Used Books Sought** – The Friends of the Romulus Public Library is looking for donations of gently used adult's and children's hardcover and paperback books for its annual Spring Sale, set for April 24–26 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and April 29 (noon to 5 p.m.). Donations may be dropped off at the library. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Spring Craft Show** – Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) will host a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured for sale will be hand-painted items, jewelry, baskets, wreaths, candles, purses, woodcraft items, candy, Avon, Mary Kay, Country Crafts, and much, much more. Refreshments will also be available. For more info, call 941-3044.
- **Back 2 Basics** – The PEN Enrichment Community Center (35625 Vinewood, Romulus) is now accepting registrations for the spring session of its Back 2 Basics after-school program, which will run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., through May 19. Cost is \$20 per week per child (ages 6 to 18); family discounts and a few scholarships are available. For info, call Ms. Wilson (734-728-1273) or Rev. Willis (734-728-1390).
- **Youth Lock-in** – Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church (35625 Vinewood, Romulus) will host its annual Youth Lock-in from 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, to noon on Friday, April 14. A cost of \$15 includes dinner, breakfast, and activities, including skating, bowling, and other age-appropriate events, as well as services and participation in the annual Good Friday March. For info, call Ms. Wilson (734-728-1273) or Rev. Willis (734-728-1390).

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# Obituaries

## Nicole C. Crenshaw

Twelve-year-old Nicole C. Crenshaw of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2006.

Nicole — born in Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 4, 1994 — was a sixth-grade student at Wick Elementary School, where she was a member of the Safety Committee. She enjoyed playing basketball, collecting Strawberry Shortcake, dancing, and singing, especially in her church choir.

Surviving Nicole are her mother, Renee (Jeff) Benton (Romulus); her father, Lionel (Raimie) Crenshaw (Ypsilanti, MI); 3 brothers, John Sandefur (Romulus), DeAndre Brewer (Romulus), and Lionel Crenshaw III (Ypsilanti); a sister, Geana Paige Crenshaw (Ypsilanti); a half-sister, Alexis Pozzone (Ypsilanti); her maternal grandparents, Bever-

ly and Henry Baker (Romulus); her paternal grandparents, Vesta and Theron Barksdale (Inkster, MI) and Linda and Lionel Crenshaw, Sr. (St. Louis, MO); her maternal great-grandparents, Peggie Shields (Weatherford, TX) and Joyce and Eugene Sandefur (Toledo, OH); 2 special cousins, Kiarra Sandefur (Romulus) and Kaylan Robbe (Romulus); and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 30, at Community Baptist Church (Romulus), with Reverend Hiram McBurroughs officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to any homeless shelter would be greatly appreciated by the family.

## Dewel L. Davis

Dewel L. Davis of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the age of 77.

The native of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, was born Thursday, May 3, 1928.

Dewel, a member of United Auto Workers Local #735, was employed at General Motors from 1949 until his retirement in 1990. Besides hunting, which he enjoyed as a child, Dewel's interests included camping, fishing, and spending time "Up North" with his bass boat. He was also a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), where he served Communion.

Surviving Dewel are his wife, Dolores J. (McDonald) Davis; 3 sons, Larry (Diane) Davis (Romulus), Tom Davis (Romulus), and Glenn (Cheryl) Davis

(Wayne, MI); 2 daughters, Pat (Larry) Bellott (Orange Park, FL) and Kathy (Jim) Dammon (Ecorse, MI); a brother, Bob Davis (Holland, MI); a sister, Shirley Schroeder (CA); 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Dewel L. Sr. and Lucille (Overstreet) Davis.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 24, at St. Aloysius Church, with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens (Livonia, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorials in the form of mass cards or donations to Feed The Children would be greatly appreciated by the family.

## Richard E. "Rick" Gregg

Richard E. "Rick" Gregg of Westland, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the age of 43.

Rick — born in Garden City, Michigan, on Saturday, August 4, 1962 — enjoyed playing cards and pool along with working on cars.

Surviving Rick are his parents, James E. and Loretta A.S. (Tallman) Gregg (Strunk, KY); a son, Travis Hashbarger (Johnson City, TN); 2 daughters, Miss Bobbie Gregg (New York City, NY) and Miss Christina Gregg (Grass Lake, MI); 2 brothers, John Gregg (Dearborn,

MI) and James (Gayle) Gregg (Romulus, MI); and his partner/companion, Sandra Strong.

Among those who predeceased him was his brother, Richard L. Gregg, who passed away in 1982.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens (Westland).

Memorial tributes to the family would be greatly appreciated. □

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